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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 42

Introduced by Assembly ~~Member Garcia~~ *Members Garcia and Ma*

January 22, 2008

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 42—Relative to ~~immigration~~ *domestic violence*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 42, as amended, Garcia. ~~Immigration: domestic violence: programs and funding.~~ *Domestic violence.*

This measure would urge Congress to protect funding and maintain programs, laws, regulations, and policies that assist victims of domestic violence, as specified.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a major problem in both
- 2 California and throughout the United States; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Domestic violence is often referred to as intimate
- 4 partner violence, which includes violence between spouses, couples
- 5 who are dating, and former spouses or partners; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Around the world one in every three women has
- 7 been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused during her
- 8 lifetime; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Women 16 to 24 years of age are consistently
- 10 reported as the group most at risk of abuse; and

1 WHEREAS, Women of all races are equally vulnerable to
2 violence by an intimate partner; and

3 WHEREAS, Domestic violence often involves physical, sexual,
4 verbal, emotional, and psychological abuse; and

5 WHEREAS, Every year almost 6 percent of women in California
6 suffer physical injuries from domestic violence; and

7 WHEREAS, Women victimized by abuse are more likely to be
8 diagnosed with serious health problems including depression, panic
9 attacks, high-risk behaviors such as substance abuse and sexual
10 risk taking, as well as migraine headaches, chronic pain, arthritis,
11 high blood pressure, inconsistent use of birth control, and delayed
12 entry into prenatal care; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2006, 134 murders, with 110 female victims
14 and 24 male victims, were the result of intimate partner violence
15 in California; and

16 WHEREAS, Pregnant women are frequent targets of abuse, and
17 as a result, are placed at risk for low-birth weight babies and
18 preterm labor; and

19 WHEREAS, Fifty percent of the men who frequently assaulted
20 their wives also frequently abused their children; and

21 WHEREAS, About 916,000 children were exposed to intimate
22 partner violence at home in 1998; and

23 WHEREAS, Crime and incarceration of youth are often
24 associated with a history of child abuse and exposure to domestic
25 violence; and

26 WHEREAS, Nearly one in five women who went hungry
27 because they did not have enough money to buy food were victims
28 of domestic violence; and

29 *WHEREAS, Ten percent of all domestic violence victims are*
30 *male; and*

31 WHEREAS, A change in any funding or policy discouraging
32 victims to report incidents of domestic violence, whether male or
33 female, would result in victims remaining in violent relationships
34 just to avoid deportation and abandonment of their children, which
35 would cause those children to seek public assistance, end up in
36 foster care, and become more likely to model domestic violence
37 behaviors themselves; now, therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
39 *California, jointly, That the California Legislature urges Congress*

1 to protect funding and maintain programs, laws, regulations, and
2 policies that assist victims of domestic violence; and
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
4 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
5 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
6 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and
7 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
8 States.

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